

ONOMASTICS-CHA-CHA-CHA

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Did you ever swim or stroll or frug or jerk or make like a fish or a mashed potato? Do you know that people used to turkey trot and black bottom and even waltz? The onomastics of dance holds a few linguistic surprises, so here is a two-step quiz (1: questions, 2: answers) on the names of popular dances of different times and places. If you are in shape you may boogie-woogie into a lot of right answers, but unless you grind you may not get them all. Let's see if this quiz is a walk or makes you clam up and squirm.

1. dance with an edible prize
2. one-two-three-kick
3. from Poland via France
4. from Africa via Brazil
5. Romanian circle dance
6. polka from central Poland
7. "----- like my sister Kate"
8. Mexican two-step
9. celebrating transatlantic flight
10. 4-4 dance of the Roaring Twenties
11. French duck waddle
12. dance taken with small steps
13. nervous acrobatics caused by a bite
14. another dance due to a bite
15. same name as a Boston suburb
16. leaping Spanish dance with castanets
17. Latin American dance to African drum
18. not Fats Domino but Chubby Checker's favorite
19. name of a US state in this one
20. named for people of the Hautes-Alpes
21. named for a tall African tribe
22. Vernon and his sister Irene named this
23. female exhibition dance
24. rabbit affection
25. you do everything but swing by your tail
26. Portuguese new bump
27. from a horse moving his front and rear legs differently
28. young equine
29. very busy action
30. musician's riff

Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.